

advice of Malgaigne; he then brought it down suddenly, and reduction took place instantaneously, scarcely causing any pain.

TANNIN IN UTERINE HÆMORRHAGE.

M. Dumars has published a communication in the *Journal of the Society of Practical Medicine*, at Montpellier, containing the detail of several cases in which he successfully employed tannin internally in the treatment of uterine hæmorrhage. A woman, twenty-five years old, three months advanced in pregnancy, while travelling in a waggon, was seized with a severe colic, which was followed by a frightful uterine hæmorrhage. A midwife plugged the vagina, and applied cold lotions to the abdomen and thighs, but without advantage; the plug was expelled. When M. Dumars arrived, the patient was in a state of complete syncope, and death approaching. He ordered pills containing two grains of tannin with a small proportion of opium, one to be taken every hour. By the time she had taken the sixth pill, she fell asleep; and when she woke three hours afterwards, the hæmorrhage had almost stopped, and had entirely ceased by the next day. The pills were continued every three hours.

In this case the tannin was given in the form of pills; but circumstances may arise during syncope in which, from the difficulty of swallowing, it may become impossible to administer it in that form. In such cases, M. Dumars prescribes it in the form of draughts or injections. Miss —, six months pregnant, was seized with violent hæmorrhage, after having experienced a severe mental emotion. When seen, she was in a very alarming condition; the abdomen was hard and tympanitic, the skin cold, face pale, the mouth wide open, pulse feeble and intermittent, and complete insensibility. The os uteri was partially dilated, and abortion was very nearly occurring; in fact, the slightest delay might prove fatal. M. Dumars ordered four scruples of tannin to be infused for ten minutes in a pint of boiling water, and then to be injected slowly into the bowels. The thighs were brought together, and kept so in a state of flexion, by means of a napkin and pillow, and warm cloths were applied all over the body, after which the following medicine was given, in the dose of a spoonful every half hour:—ninety-six scruples of water of black cherries, sixteen scruples of orange flower water, forty-eight scruples of linden water, ten grains of pure tannin, forty-eight scruples of syrup of diacodium. The medicine was administered by means of a funnel. After the lapse of three hours Miss — opened her eyes, and the pulse increased in power; some spoonfuls of soup were then given. On examination, the hæmorrhage was found to have nearly ceased. Twenty-four hours afterwards the patient had recovered her senses; the os uteri had closed, and the bleeding was arrested. The movements of the child were felt soon afterwards. The mother went her full time, and had a happy delivery.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

We regret to say that Mr. Mayo has been compelled, by continued ill health, to resign the surgeoncy to this hospital. Mr. Alexander Shaw, late assistant-surgeon, will probably succeed Mr. Mayo. Mr. Erasmus Wilson, and several others, are candidates for the office of assistant-surgeon.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

October 7, 1842.

57th Foot—Assistant-surgeon Frederick Hobson Clark, from the 95th, to be assistant-surgeon, vice Neville, deceased.

95th—Assistant-surgeon William Sall, from the Royal Newfoundland Companies, to be assistant-surgeon, vice Clark, appointed to the 57th.

Royal Newfoundland Companies—James Charles Martin, gent., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Sall, appointed to the 95th.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr. Binns.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of Dr. Binns' letter. In reply, we would refer Dr. Binns to the "Athenæum," in which he will find his "Treatise on the Art of Procuring Sleep at Will" estimated even somewhat more lightly than we have estimated it. Our remarks were intended neither as a review nor as a notice. The work of Dr. Binns is unworthy of criticism, and beneath notice. We cannot comply with the request of Dr. Binns to return his work to the publisher, because it is not the custom so to do; but we shall compromise the matter by appropriating his pages to domestic purposes.

J. H.—The letter from Nottingham should have been signed. We were unable to find the address of — Jones, Esq., Blackfriars-road.

The communication on Assurance Office Fees in our next.

Z.—The College of Surgeons have not issued any new regulations since last October; but we have every reason to believe that the published regulations of the college are not adhered to by them.

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